

Animals Activities for Wednesday

On the Move

Stuffed Animal Ring Toss

Gather all of your small stuffed animals for a carnival-style game of ring toss!

Materials:

- Several small stuffed animals
- Paper plates

Instructions:

1. Cut out the center of each paper plate, forming a ring. (Your child can decorate their rings using paint, glitter, markers, or any other art materials).
2. Set up your stuffed animals in a clear area.
3. Have your child toss their rings to land over the stuffed animals.

Adventures Online

Zoo Adventure

Today let's learn about Zoo Animals and take a virtual field trip to the San Diego Zoo. Their site for kids includes live animal cams, behind-the-scenes videos and stories, as well as a variety of printable activities and online games.

As you explore the Zoo "Follow their lead, do what interests them." Give appropriate choices, and let the child decide between the options and watch the conversation unfold.

<https://kids.sandiegozoo.org/videos>

Sensory Time

Banana Sushi Roll

A fun non-cook snack that your toddler can help with preparing. You can talk about which animals like to eat bananas and make those animal noises while you eat your snack!

Materials:

- 1 flour tortilla or slice of bread rolled flat
- 1 banana, peeled
- 2-3 Tbsp. peanut (or other nut) butter
- Small smear of Nutella (optional)
- Plastic knife or butter knife

Instructions:

1. Spread nut butter on one side of tortilla or bread
2. Peel banana and place on tortilla.
3. Roll tortilla up around banana as tight as you can.
4. Use a plastic knife or a butter knife to slice your sushi roll into ½ -1in. rounds and serve.

Making their own food helps your child develop fine motor skills, problem solving skills and independence.

Story Time

Five Little Monkeys:

Act out the motions of Five Little Monkeys as it is being read aloud

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-DyUk5OFUJ0>

Arts and Creativity

Soft Collage

Animals are soft! Your child will be exploring textures by creating a collage of soft items.

Materials:

- Paper plate, paper or cardboard
- Glue or tape
- Paper bag or basket for collecting items.

Directions:

1. Talk about how animals feel. A dog or cat's fur feels soft. What other animals feel soft? Compare between soft things and rough things.
2. Then, scatter the items around the house (cotton balls, tissues, pieces of fabric, etc), or go outside and look for soft things.
3. When your toddler finds enough soft items, help them glue or tape them to the paper plate or the paper and have a "soft" collage.